

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports  
SUBJECT : Urban Area Studies Program

1. From our discussion of 28 February 1955 it is my understanding that ORR will be able to produce Urban Area Studies at the rate of ten a year within the regular budget for the Geographic Area. In view of this, I agreed to the withdrawal of the large scale program proposed in your memorandum to DDI dated 4 February 1955.

2. We have completed a survey of the Clandestine Service Offices primarily concerned with Urban Area Studies and have arrived at the ten top-priority cities. It is my request that the production of studies for these cities be scheduled as soon as practicable within the regular ORR budget. The cities listed below are not given in order of priority; it is requested however that, if feasible, the cities of Leningrad, USSR and Korce, Albania be scheduled for completion at the earliest practicable date:

- ✓ a. Leningrad and port
- ✓ b. Tomsk
- c. Novosibirsk
- d. Kiev
- e. Krasnoyarsk
- f. Kazan
- g. Odessa
- ✓ h. Korce, Albania
- ✓ i. Burgas, Bulgaria
- ✓ j. Sofia, Bulgaria

3. It is my understanding that studies on Gdansk, Gdynia and Varna are now in process, and are not to be considered as part of the new annual quota of ten. As the first of the above cities nears completion, we will keep you advised of succeeding requirements to assist you in planning systematically for future production. The above requirements have been selected under the strict criterion of urgent operational necessity; your cooperation in rendering such fine support to our mission is much appreciated by all of us.

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